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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), transmitted herewith for filing is the continuation-in-part application of application Serial No. 08/672,378 filed May 28, 1996 and application serial No. 08/967,136 filed November 10, 1997.

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Title: METHOD OF SHAPING SEMISOLID METALS

Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119) is made, based upon:

Country	Appln. No.	Filing Date	Country	Appln. No.	Filing Date
Japan	7-130134	May 29, 1995	Japan	7-253768	September 29, 1995
Japan	7-160890	June 27, 1995	Japan	7-253769	September 29, 1995
Japan	7-236301	September 14, 1995	Japan	7-300760	November 9, 1995
Japan	7-244109	September 22, 1995	Japan	7-320650	December 8, 1995
Japan	7-244111	September 22, 1995	Japan	7-332955	December 8, 1995
Japan	7-247807	September 26, 1995	Japan	8-87848	April 10, 1996
Japan	7-249482	September 27, 1995	Japan	296420	November 8, 1996
Japan	7-252762	September 29, 1995	Japan	31713/1996	November 28, 1996

Certified copies for 1) to 13) were filed on May 28, 1996 in application Serial No. 08/672,378. A certified copy for 14) was filed on October 9, 1996 in application Serial No. 08/672,378. Certified copies for 15) and 16) were filed on March 27, 1998 in application Serial No. 08/967,136.

Enclosed herewith are:

- Specification (Description, Claims, Abstract): Pages 1 - 212; Number of claims 1 - 57
- Declaration and Power of Attorney
- TO BE POST-FILED: SIGNED DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d) UNEXECUTED DECLARATION ENCLOSED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY
- 77 Sheets of drawings, Figures 1(a) to 88 Formal Informal
- Assignment and Form PTO-1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Check for \$40.00
- Certified copy (ies) of priority document(s) identified above
- Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449
- Preliminary Amendment
- Verified Statement(s) Claiming Small Entity Status
- Receipt Postcard

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	<u>70</u>	-20 = <u>50</u>	x \$18.00 =	\$ <u>900.00</u>
Independent Claims	<u>8</u>	-3 = <u>5</u>	x \$78.00 =	\$ <u>390.00</u>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$260.00 =	\$ <u>260</u>
			BASIC FEE	\$ <u>690.00</u>
			Total of above Calculations	\$ <u>2,240.00</u>

To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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